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Applicant(s) : Chamberlain et al.  
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For : BICYCLE REAR SUSPENSION  
Group Art Unit : 3611  
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Examiner : Kevin Hurley

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner indicates that Claim 1 is allowable because the prior art does not disclose a shock absorber pivotally connected to one of said main frame portion and the link at a pivot axis and pivotally connected to said articulating frame portion at another pivot axis near the hub axis. The Examiner states that Claims 10 and 14 are allowable because the prior art does not disclose a shock absorber pivotally connected to one of said main frame and said link at a first end and pivotally connected to said articulating frame portion near said hub axis at a second end. The Examiner states that Claim 18 is allowable because the prior art does not disclose a shock absorber connected to said bicycle frame and being arranged to provide a force resisting movement of said articulating frame portion with respect to said main frame portion, a first end of said shock absorber being pivotally connected to said articulating frame portion near said hub axis.

Applicants' submit that it is the entire combination of elements recited by any one of the allowable claims that is patentable over the prior art and disagree with the Statement to the extent that it implies that any single element, or combination of elements less than the entire claim, is of


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greater importance in distinguishing the prior art than any other element of the allowable claims. Furthermore, the Examiner's stated reasons are not the only reasons that the claims are allowable over the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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